



Seattle City Light



REOPENING/RECOVERY PLANNING

Utility Review Panel Presentation

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PANDEMIC TIMELINE

- February 29: Governor declares State of Emergency
- March 4: SCL activates Incident Command to manage pandemic response
- May 4:
 - "Stay Home – Stay Healthy" order extended to May 31
 - "Safe Start Washington" – a phased approach to recovery announced
- May 13: SCL activates Reopening/Recovery team
 - Operational re-opening plans
 - Longer-term recovery efforts

"SAFE START WASHINGTON" SUMMARY

- Flexible, data-driven approach to reopening
- Reopening schedule dependent on:
 - COVID-19 activity trends
 - Healthcare readiness trends
 - Healthcare system readiness
 - Testing capability and availability
 - Contact tracing ability
 - Ability to protect high-risk populations
- Phased approach with at least 3 weeks between phases



CITY OF SEATTLE

- City guidance has followed State lead
- City has begun planning with “Business Recovery Planning Worksheet”
- Provides template for plans to transition from emergency response to restoration of impacted departmental functions
- Common scenarios to guide planning
- Worksheets due to City by May 22



CITY OF SEATTLE PLANNING SCENARIOS

- Likely Case – gradual easing with similar second wave in fall. “Normal” conditions by spring/summer 2021. Economic recovery in late 2022
- Worst Case – significantly larger second wave in fall. Second round of sheltering and no school. Vaccine delayed. Economic recovery in 2023.
- Best Case – no second wave. Near normal conditions late 2020. Economic recovery early 2021



SCL OBJECTIVES OF REOPENING, RECOVERY AND REDEFINING

Objectives - **draft**

- Maintain **health and safety** of our employees and the public while continuing to provide electric services
- **Regularly communicate** recovery information and operational impacts to employees and public
- **Prioritize** restoring customer-impacted work
- **Provide clear direction** about which activities and practices will be resumed and reimagined, but be flexible and responsive to the changes of the COVID-19 trajectory
- Develop 'Utility Next SCL 2.0' project proposals to position the utility to successfully compete for **future stimulus funding opportunities**



PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

- Childcare and school schedules
- Employee and public equity considerations
- Commuting challenges
 - Transit restrictions/availability/concerns
 - West Seattle Bridge
- High risk individuals for COVID-19
- Availability of PPE and other equipment
- Employee sentiment and concerns

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

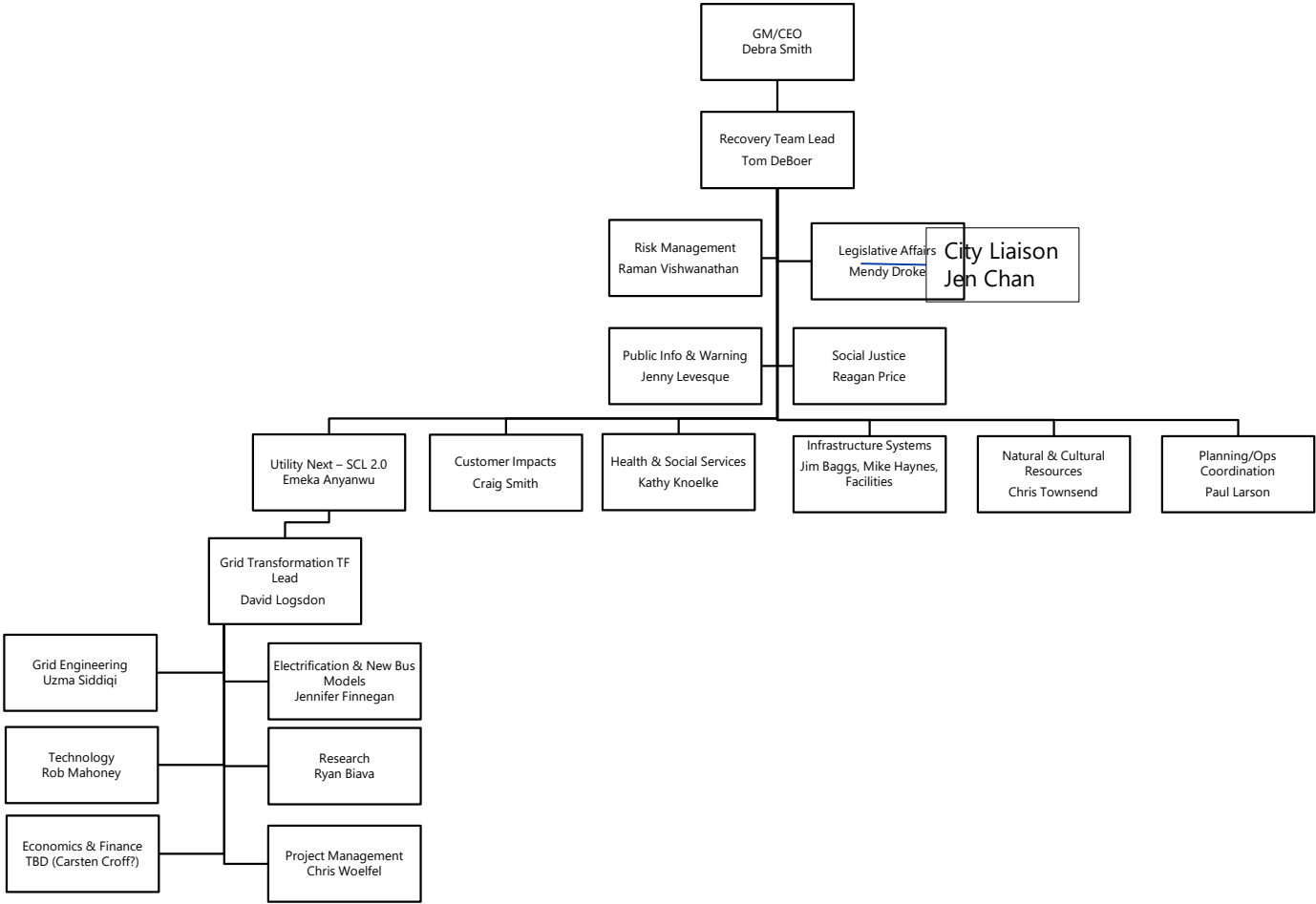
- Close coordination with other City departments
- Opportunity to redefine new 'normal'
- Recognize employee differences – some eager to return to workplace; others reluctant
- Mitigate customer impacts:
 - Return priority to those whose work has been impacted (tools, resources, technology, etc.)
 - Teleworkers with no customer impacts will continue to telework
- Planning/actions need to be flexible



MITIGATION MEASURES

- Leader support for continued remote/flexible work
- Continuation of virtual meeting options
- Availability of PPE
- Cleaning and sanitation protocols
- Staged return to workplace
- Continued telework

Seattle City Light Reopening/Recovery Team Structure



QUESTIONS?